

Beware of bulky clothing in car seats

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The Tinley Park Police Department would like to remind residents to avoid placing children wearing bulky sweaters, coats or fleece clothing into car seats.

According to car seat technicians, parents shouldn't put anything thicker than a sweatshirt on their child when they're in a car seat. Bulky sweaters, coats or fleece garments prevent a snug fit of the car seat harness. Although the harness may appear to be snug over a coat, when the coat is compressed by the force of a crash, the harness will not protect your child the way it should.

Instead, parents can use hats, gloves, blankets (on top of the car seat straps), light fleece jackets or specifically designed coats to keep their children warm.

Tinley Park residents can schedule a child safety seat inspection by calling (708) 444-5326. The child safety seat must be installed by the parent or caregiver before arriving at the Tinley Park Police Department.